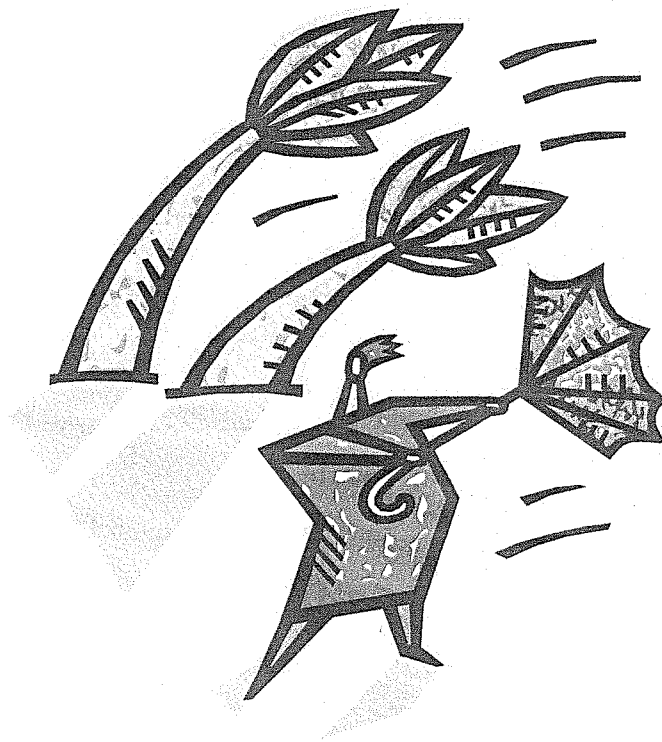


Comments for Governor's After the Storm Review Meeting



*Provided by the
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From: Vivian Parsons
Date: 7/17/2012 9:06:42 AM
To: Jennifer
Subject: Fwd: Expenses from Storm of 6/29/12

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Vivian Parsons <vivian@ccawv.org>
Date: July 14, 2012 6:46:58 PM EDT
To: Denise Scalph <kennethsq@suddenlink.net>
Subject: Fwd: Expenses from Storm of 6/29/12

Hi Denise,

Don't know if you've seen this response from Upshur county to Debbie's question. I am at the NACo conference in Pittsburgh thru Wednesday, but I know this issue has been talked about by several counties since the storm. Marion county indicated some type of reimburse has been available in the past, perhaps through the Governor's office or the state emergency services division....not sure about that. If and when I have more to share, I'll get back with you!

Viv

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "William A. \"Willie\" Parker" <waparker@UPSHURCOUNTY.ORG>
Date: July 13, 2012 4:13:31 PM EDT
To: CCAWV-L@listserv.wvu.edu
Subject: Re: Expenses from Storm of 6/29/12
Reply-To: "WV County Commissioners' Bulletin Board" <CCAWV-L@listserv.wvu.edu>, "William A. \"Willie\" Parker" <waparker@UPSHURCOUNTY.ORG>

In Upshur County, OEM Director, E911 Director, Director of Facilities etc... are exempt (salary) and thus are not eligible or paid for overtime. Hourly workers in those offices or areas work have received overtime for any work in excess of forty (40) hours.

Our personnel policy does not convert or change the one day (Monday) the courthouse was closed. If it was a scheduled vacation period then the employee would have been charged vacation time.

Willie

-----Original Message-----

From: WV County Commissioners' Bulletin Board [<mailto:CCAWV-L@listserv.wvu.edu>] On Behalf Of Deborah Berry
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2012 1:12 PM
To: CCAWV-L@listserv.wvu.edu
Subject: Expenses from Storm of 6/29/12

Has other counties paid overtime expenses for employees such as Office of Emergency Services Coordinator, 911 Director, etc., who worked additional work hours during the storm of Friday 6/29/12? Also, if your courthouse was closed and employees had scheduled vacation time did you allow extra time for the days the courthouse was closed?
 Thanks



From: Vivian Parsons
Date: 7/17/2012 9:14:12 AM
To: Jennifer
Subject: Fwd: After the storm review meeting

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From: Vivian Parsons <vivian@ccawv.org>
Date: July 17, 2012 9:03:35 AM EDT
To: Cindy Pyles <cpyles@wvdsi.net>
Subject: Fwd: After the storm review meeting

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Vivian Parsons <vivian@ccawv.org>
Date: July 17, 2012 9:02:55 AM EDT
To: Jennifer Randolph <jenrand@commission.state.wv.us>
Subject: Re: After the storm review meeting

n,
Thanks for the feedback....we'll share your thoughts!

Vivian

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On Jul 17, 2012, at 8:48 AM, "Jennifer Randolph" <jenrand@commission.state.wv.us> wrote:

The main thing is that we need generators for our public water systems. It's bad enough without power, but when you "take" the water away...

Also, the Red Cross needs to work with the State to outfit the "emergency shelters" with generators so they can be utilized.

Thanks for asking.
J

From: Vivian Parsons [<mailto:vivian@ccawv.org>]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 6:29 PM
To: jenrand@commission.state.wv.us
Subject: After the storm review meeting

Hi Jennifer,

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Vivian

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From: Vivian Parsons
Date: 7/17/2012 9:14:49 AM
To: Jennifer
Subject: Fwd: After storm review meeting

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From: Vivian Parsons <vivian@ccawv.org>
Date: July 17, 2012 9:01:48 AM EDT
To: Cindy Pyles <cpyles@wvdsi.net>
Subject: Fwd: After storm review meeting

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Vivian Parsons <vivian@ccawv.org>
Date: July 17, 2012 9:01:07 AM EDT
To: Judith Johnson <jjohn1021@aol.com>
Subject: Re: After storm review meeting

Thank you Judy! We'll pass on your thoughts and concerns!

Hang in there. See you in a couple weeks,

Vivian

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On Jul 17, 2012, at 8:37 AM, Judith Johnson <jjohn1021@aol.com> wrote:

Vivian, As you may know Lincoln County was hit very hard from the storms. The lack of communication was one of the biggest problems. Our cell towers were down, no electricity, some residents did not get their electricity restored for up to ten days. The Commission has now purchased two huge generators that will run the courthouse and a mobile one for the PSD or any facility that may need them. The OES Director, Allen Holder was very responsive to the commands of heading up the cooling stations, getting water and ice to the residents that did find out about the distribution. The Commission will be discussing the Pros and Cons of the situation at the next meeting on the 19th. We do have a Local Emergency Planning Committee that responded to the situation, however the cost of running the cooling stations and the man power will cost several thousand dollars that the Commission did not budget. I would like for you to talk to Allen Holder, Director of the OES but he is on vacation. A much needed one after the storm.

Hope to see you at the meetings.

Judy Johnson

—Original Message—

From: Vivian Parsons <vivian@ccawv.org>
To: jjohn1021 <jjohn1021@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, Jul 16, 2012 6:32 pm
Subject: After storm review meeting

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Hi Judy,

The Governor's Intergovernmental Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, at 4:00pm to discuss and review the activities that occurred after the storm on June 29th.

Does Lincoln County have any issues or concerns about after the storm activity that you like CCAWW to share with the Governor's office? CCAWW President Pyles, board member Nancy Cartmill, and I will be participating in the meeting to represent your interests. Thanks for any feedback!

Vivian

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From: Vivian Parsons
Date: 7/17/2012 9:15:36 AM
To: Jennifer
Subject: Fwd: After storm review meeting

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From: Brian Donat <bdonat@putnamwv.org>
Date: July 17, 2012 8:06:13 AM EDT
To: Vivian Parsons <vivian@ccawv.org>
Subject: RE: After storm review meeting

I have forwarded your request to our 911 director to see if he has anything to add

Thank you,

Brian Donat
County Manager
Putnam County Commission
304.586.0201
fax 304.586.0200

From: Vivian Parsons [<mailto:vivian@ccawv.org>]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 6:15 PM
To: Brian Donat
Subject: After storm review meeting

Hi Brian,

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From: Vivian Parsons
Date: 7/17/2012 9:16:05 AM
To: Jennifer
Subject: Fwd: Storm 2012

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From: Vivian Parsons <vivian@ccawv.org>
Date: July 17, 2012 12:31:33 AM EDT
To: "wvtree@frontier.com" <wvtree@frontier.com>
Subject: Re: Storm 2012

Thank you Gary! Your thoughts will be relayed to the Governor's office tomorrow.

Vivian

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On Jul 16, 2012, at 7:48 PM, "wvtree@frontier.com" <wvtree@frontier.com> wrote:

BRAXTON COUNTY
 MY EXPERIENCE AS A COMMISSIONER
 Gary Ellyson

Things That need to happen in the future.....

. We just did a \$1 million + upgrade on a water treatment plant. But we didn't add a GENERATOR that would have cost at most \$50k. Also, Investment in generators for our fire Departments.

2. Gas stations with no backup power. Being interstate 79/ RT19 intersect in our county. We seen at or near 750-1000 motorists stranded due to no gas stations w/ back up generator. Something that should be brought up to OMEGA.

3. Every day at 1 pm we had a meeting with the affected entities in the county..... Not till almost a disaster. Did the regional jail attend the meeting. These meetings were held to document everyone's needs and prioritize them.

4. A way to get around the new DOH gas pumping system. (DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.) Everything worked very well with our DOH. Both the one at Coon Knob and at the Gassaway DOH. But they have a new and improved system that will be in place soon.

5. During this whole emergency: A Representative from First Energy was not present for the 1 PM meetings. Except the monitor for the distribution of ICE (which the Ice was a huge help). We need to know where the power is turned on. Where the county needs to focus its resources. At times we where delivering food, ice, and water to people with power. Not good! These resources needed to be placed elsewhere.

6. Day 3 in the operation was a pivotal day..... Operations grew tired and tensions grew..... About 2 days into a disaster a rotation needs to be implemented. To keep fresh and alert.

7. Oxygen was a problem for elderly in the heat and no electric

8. Most smaller counties didn't have the means to store the ice/ food / water.....Mainly ICE



From: Vivian Parsons
Date: 7/17/2012 9:17:25 AM
To: Jennifer
Subject: Fwd: Governor's Review of After the Storm Activity

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Vivian Parsons <vivian@ccawv.org>
Date: July 16, 2012 3:03:17 PM EDT
To: Mike Taylor <mtaylor@randolphcountycommissionwv.org>
Subject: RE: Governor's Review of After the Storm Activity

Thanks Mike I'll share with Gov's office!

On Jul 16, 2012 11:24 AM, "Mike Taylor" <mtaylor@randolphcountycommissionwv.org> wrote:

Vivian:

I would echo the same comments that Blair stated...same problems in Randolph County.

Mike

From: WV County Commissioners' Bulletin Board [mailto:CCAWV-L@listserv.wvu.edu] **On Behalf Of** Vivian Parsons
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 10:53 AM
To: CCAWV-L@listserv.wvu.edu
Subject: Re: Governor's Review of After the Storm Activity

Thank you Blair, I'll certainly relay the info!

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On Jul 16, 2012, at 10:38 AM, David Couch <commissionercouch@GMAIL.COM> wrote:

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Wood County

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Please send me emails or call my cell 304-415-1608 with your thoughts.

Thanks for any feedback,

ivian

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Date: 7/17/2012 9:17:50 AM
To: Jennifer
Subject: Fwd: Governor's Review of After the Storm Activity

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Subject: Re: Governor's Review of After the Storm Activity
Reply-To: "WV County Commissioners' Bulletin Board" <CCAWV-L@listserv.wvu.edu>, David Couch <commissionercouch@GMAIL.COM>

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From: Vivian Parsons
Date: 7/17/2012 9:18:27 AM
To: Jennifer
Subject: Fwd: Storm response

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Cindy Whetsell <cindywhetsell@yahoo.com>
Date: July 16, 2012 9:09:19 AM EDT
To: Vivian Parsons <vivian@ccawv.org>
Subject: Storm response
Reply-To: Cindy Whetsell <cindywhetsell@yahoo.com>

Vivian:

There are a few things I have thought of re: the storm response:

1. State OEM notified counties of daily conference calls via internet. We didn't have internet and the only way we found out that the conference calls were happening was through a reporter. The OEM in Harrison County asked why he hadn't heard Lewis County on the calls. The reporter contacted Agnes to ask why and that is the first we had heard of any calls. I know communication was a real issue for everyone but perhaps an alternative method for something as important as a link with State OEM should be established.
2. The National Guard was deployed and when they got to the counties things began to go VERY smoothly. These folks were awesome and I highly recommend that not only they be acknowledged for the tremendous impact they had in the recovery, but also the State look at immediate deployment as they had previously done (ie. Hurricane Isabelle)
3. We had no gas stations with power in Lewis County for 48 hours. Thus being said there were no pumps working. We asked State DOH to put their notification signs up along I 79 saying there was no gas available from Exit 105-48. This would have helped many folks who passed Harrison county on low fuel thinking they would stop later and then ran out of gas and were stranded. These stranded motorists created another issue for counties to deal with that could have possibly been avoided.
4. What is the State triage system for delivery of supplies? It seems that when Lewis County was 100% without power supplies were going to counties that had much lower numbers.

I will keep thinking. You are awesome!!!!



From: Vivian Parsons
Date: 7/17/2012 2:10:30 PM
To: Link@claycountycommission.com
Cc: Jennifer
Subject: Re: After storm review meeting

Thanks Jerry, we'll share your concerns with the Governor's office.

Mack is doing good.

Vivian

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On Jul 17, 2012, at 11:18 AM, Link@claycountycommission.com wrote:

> Vivian,

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> Thanks for checking with me. We had no phone or internet service. We had to go as far as Clendenin, just to order water or ice. We need the new interoperable radios that are supposed to work state wide.

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> We also had a terrible time getting generators from Homeland Security to run our water and sewer plants.

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> I hope Mack is doing well.

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> Jerry

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> Quoting Vivian Parsons <vivian@ccawv.org>:

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